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# CATALOGUE AND PRICE LIST.

CHOICEST VARIETIES GARDEN, FIELD AND FLOWER SEEDS.

CLYDE, WAYNE COUNTY, N. Y.

COMMENCING in a small way twelve years ago, by working on a farm during the day and spending my evenings at home, putting up my own seeds and filling the orders myself, working until near midnight, carrying my mail in a market basket to the post-office, five miles away over muddy, rough roads, without either help or encouragement of any kind from anyone (but always plenty of discouragement), ignorant of the details of the seed business, never having been in a seed house to get a single idea or insight as to the proper way of conducting the business; yet, by keeping "everlastingly at it," I have at last built up one of the most extensive mail enterprises of the kind in this country; and it gives me pleasure to announce that I now have  
**OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND CUSTOMERS IN THE UNITED STATES,** besides a large number in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Mexico, England, New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia. My manner of filling orders (although different from other dealers) is acknowledged to be

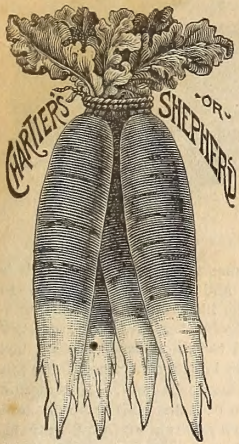
the most rapid and perfect in existence, and I think I can say without contradiction that no dealer in the United States, or the world, gives more or better seeds for the money, or is more careful to have them properly done up so as to reach customers in good condition. I do not publish a costly catalogue, printed in colors, and charge my customers for it, but send a plainly printed, inexpensive one *free of charge*. I do not think it would be just right for me to charge my customers for the *privilege* of sending me an order, and then take the amount and give to some lithographer to pay for getting up the catalogue. Whatever I have to donate, I prefer to give directly to my customers in valuable premiums and extra seeds, rather than to some wealthy lithographer. Now, kind reader, if you think favorable of my manner of doing business, and think I *deserve* your patronage, I should be pleased to receive your orders, which I assure you will receive careful and immediate attention. Very respectfully,

FRANK FINCH.



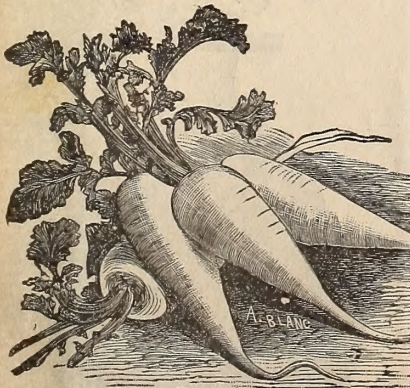
I now offer for the first time this new and valuable Yellow Tomato. After a thorough test of all the yellow varieties, I can truly say that this is really the best of them all; it is very solid and very smooth, free from ridges, large in size; ripens up evenly and is very handsome, in fact it is one of the most beautiful Tomatoes ever sent out, and of excellent quality; they mature early and are very productive. It is one of the very best for preserving or slicing, the handsome golden yellow slices making a beautiful contrast in a dish with Red Tomatoes. They are so very handsome and attractive, and of such excellent quality that they win Every order for seeds should include at least one packet of "The Golden Beauty," price per packet 10 cts.; or 3 packets for 25 cts.

## Improved Chartier or Shepherd Radish.



Although this Radish has been grown for some years by market gardeners in Western Pennsylvania as the *Chartier*, and in Indiana as the *Shepherd Radish*, it was only brought prominently to the notice of the general public 3 years ago. The roots grow to a large size, about two-thirds of the length being of a crimson-rose color, shading off lighter until, at the bottom, they become pure white. They are of quick growth, very tender, and remain of good quality, fit for table use, a very long time. It is undoubtedly one of the very best "all seasons" radishes for open garden culture; it is ready for use or market nearly as early as the Long Scarlet, and keeps crisp and tender for two months, not becoming stringy when large, as do most other radishes. Our field of these Radishes growing for seed the past season was much admired, as even mammoth specimens, upon being pulled, were found solid and tender. Large packet 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents.

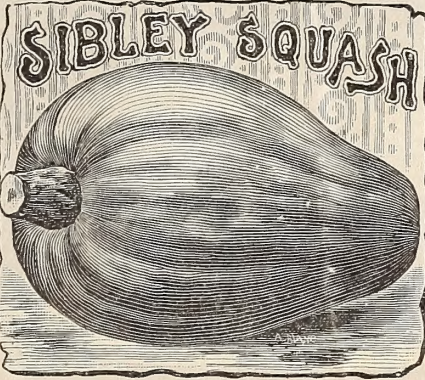
## STRASBURG RADISH.



This new radish, which we introduced four years ago, has proven to be the most valuable summer radish in cultivation. The engraving shows their shape, which is half long. Flesh pure snow white, tender and of a pleasant, pungent taste, without being strong. It can be used in six weeks from the time of sowing, when it has reached two-thirds of its size; it continues to grow without losing its superior quality, and can be used for a month or more afterward, and continues in fine edible condition at all times afterward, during growth. Large packet, 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

I give below the introducer's description:

"The form, accurately represented here, is obviously new, having the stem at the swelled end. The seed alone, being of very peculiar shape and color, brands the squash as entirely original and distinct. The flesh is solid, thick, a vivid orange in color, and is possessed of rare edible qualities, being dry, and really wonderful for fineness of grain and the rich and delicate flavor peculiarly its own. The weight ranges from eight to eleven pounds, though the eight-pound specimens are comparatively few in number. In point of prolificacy, the New Sibley Squash has decidedly the advantage of either the Hubbard or Marblehead. It, moreover, ripens its fruit so evenly that nearly the whole crop may



be gathered at one picking. One customer writes, that 'two seeds produced eleven fine squashes—all dry, remarkably sweet, and with a peculiarly luscious flavor.' As a keeper, it excels all, remaining in a good, dry cellar, perfectly sound until the last of March—constantly improving in flavor and quality to the very last. The shell is pale green in color, very flinty, making it one of the finest shippers in existence—the longer the distance, the better the edible qualities, as it naturally improves with age." We tested the quality of this squash on our own table last fall, and it was decidedly the finest grained and best flavored squash we ever ate. In packets only, 10 cts. each; 3 packets, 25 cts.

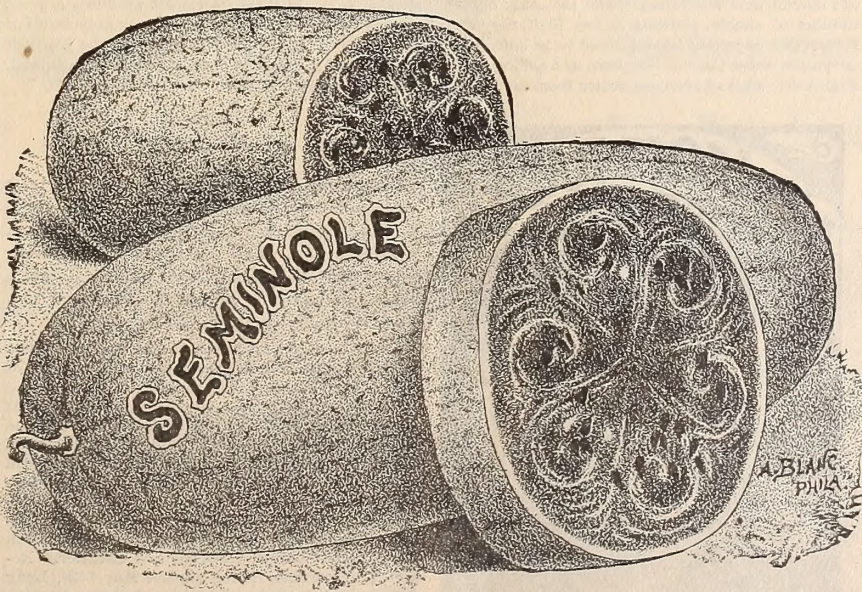
## EARLY SNOW-BALL CAULIFLOWER.

THE EARLIEST AND HANDSOMEST VARIETY IN THE WORLD.



This is unquestionably the best type of cauliflower yet produced. It far excels all others in earliness. Sown year after year about March 1st, it has produced fine large heads early in June, every plant forming a perfect head, a week earlier than any other sort. Owing to the short outer leaves, it can be planted as close as eighteen inches apart. It is equally as good for late planting. Price of genuine seed; packet, 25 cts.; quarter-ounce, \$1.75.

## FINCH'S SEMINOLE WATERMELON.



In offering this entirely new and distinct melon to my customers for the first time, I can confidently recommend it as one of the most wonderful varieties which it has been my good fortune to introduce. It possesses four qualities that will make it the most popular melon yet offered to the public. First, it is one of the very earliest. Second, it is one of the most productive. Third, it grows to a very large size, being one of the largest melons ever introduced. Fourth, it is without doubt one of the best flavored melons; all who have tested it pronounce its quality "delicious." It is of two distinct colors, grey and light green. Melons of both colors are exactly the same in size, shape, color of seed, flavor, etc., and pronounced by competent judges as exactly the same melon in every respect. The grey color predominates, about one-fourth of the melons being the light green color. Melons of both colors are found on the same vine. This melon is pronounced by those who have tested it the past season, the very best melon ever grown, and has succeeded in different sections and under varied circumstances, and well worthy of a place in the front ranks of our best melons. I hope every one of my customers who love good melons will try the *Seminole*. Price, per packet, 15 cts.; 2 for 25 cts.



This Wonderful New Radish has won golden opinions in all sections of the country. The illustration is perfect from nature, and will give some idea of their great beauty. It is absolutely the earliest radish in cultivation. Their shape is perfectly globular, with rich deep scarlet top, blending into pure white at the bottom, exceedingly tender, crisp and delicious, never becoming hollow or pithy, equally desirable for either the market or home garden, and should be planted by everybody. Per packet 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

Mrs. E. A. HARRISON, Scio, O., writes: The Gem is the best radish we have ever grown. It is earlier than any other. Very tender and crisp.

Geo. TROWBRIDGE, Lake Geneva, Wis., writes: The Rosy Gem's are the best radishes we have ever had. Notwithstanding the dry season they did well.

## CHANTENAY CARROT.

Our trials of this new carrot the past season were very satisfactory, and we do not hesitate to recommend it as one of the very best varieties—of more than usual merit as a table carrot. The illustration correctly represents the shape. It is longer than the Scarlet Horn and also broader at the shoulder, hence much more productive. The flesh is of a beautiful, rich orange color and of the very finest quality. The roots are very smooth, fine in texture and easily dug. Large packet, 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.



## PROCOPP'S GIANT PEPPER.



This giant-fruited variety might well be termed the Goliath of peppers. Our field of these peppers growing for seed attracted considerable attention, not only on account of their extraordinary size, but also from the fact that many of the peppers, seemingly ashamed of their great length, would curl up in the middle into a peculiar shape. We measured one specimen *nine inches long* by three inches thick, while the average length is seven to eight inches. The peppers are of a glossy scarlet color; they are sweet and mild, flesh nearly half an inch thick. Per packet, 10 cts.; 3 packets for 25 cts.

Address all orders to FRANK FINCH, (Lock Box 2), CLYDE, Wayne Co., N. Y.



## NEW JAPANESE BUCKWHEAT.



The history of this new Buckwheat, introduced by the Messrs. Henderson last year, as far as known, is, that in 1883 a Japanese gentleman sent a thimbleful of the seed to a friend residing in New Jersey, from which a little seed was saved, and in 1885 a half-bushel. From this half-bushel, in 1886, the crop was forty bushels. Of this lot ten bushels were distributed by the grower among the farmers in his neighborhood, all of whom were enthusiastic in its praise. Sown the same day as the Silver Hull, it ripened a week earlier and yielded almost as much again. From one grain planted in the garden, the product was 850 ripe kernels. As will be seen by the illustration, the kernels are at least twice the size of those of any other variety; in color they are also distinct, being of a rich, dark shade of brown. The flour made from it is equal in quality to that of any other buckwheat, while it is much more productive than any other and succeeds well as far north as New Hampshire. As the straw is heavier and branches more, it does not need to be sown as thickly as other kinds. Per package, 10 cts.; per pint, 40 cts., postpaid.

## New Extra Early Cory Sweet Corn.



This new variety is undoubtedly the earliest Sweet Corn in cultivation, being about one week earlier than the Marblehead, which previous to the introduction of this was generally acknowledged as the earliest. It grows a larger kernel and a larger and more marketable ear than the Marblehead, and will soon supplant that variety in our market. It is well worth trial and has but to be tested to be appreciated. Per packet, 10 cts.; pint, 30 cts.

## California Mammoth White Radish.

Roots grow eight to twelve inches long and two to three inches in diameter; flesh white, solid, and of excellent flavor. This is the largest of all radishes, and has lately been sent out under a new name—MAMMOTH WHITE RUSSIAN. Per packet, 5 cts.; oz., 10 cts.

## AMERICAN WONDER PEA.

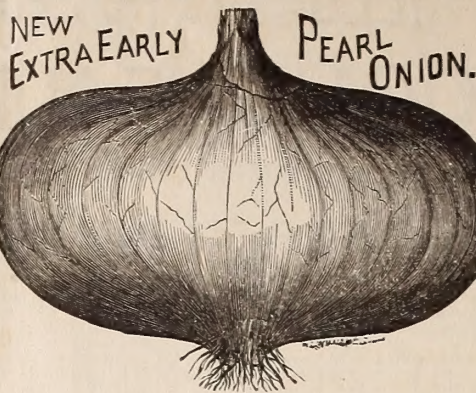


AMERICAN WONDER PEA.

This variety is a cross between Champion of England and McLean's Little Gem, and combines the qualities of its parents. It is the earliest wrinkled Pea in cultivation, and a superior cropper, bearing larger pods than the other earlier sorts, and having from six to nine large Peas in a pod. The vines are from ten to twelve inches high, and of robust habit. Our seed is true, coming from the original stock. Packet, 15 cts.; pint, 40 cents.

## EXTRA EARLY PEARL ONION.

This remarkable new onion is the earliest and the best of all the white varieties. It grows to enormous size and shape as shown in our illustration; of pearly white color, the outer skin having a most showy, waxy appearance, flesh of a pure snow white, and flavor so mild that it can be eaten like an apple. It grows with wonderful rapidity, reaching a fine large size the first season from seed, and if planted out again in the fall, will reach the enormous size of six inches in diameter. A splendid keeper, succeeding everywhere, and requiring only thin soil. If the soil is too rich it will grow too large for market. We recommend it highly. Do not fail to give it a trial, it is sure to be a success. Price, per packet, 10 cts.; oz., 35 cts.; 1/4 lb., \$1.25; by mail, postpaid.



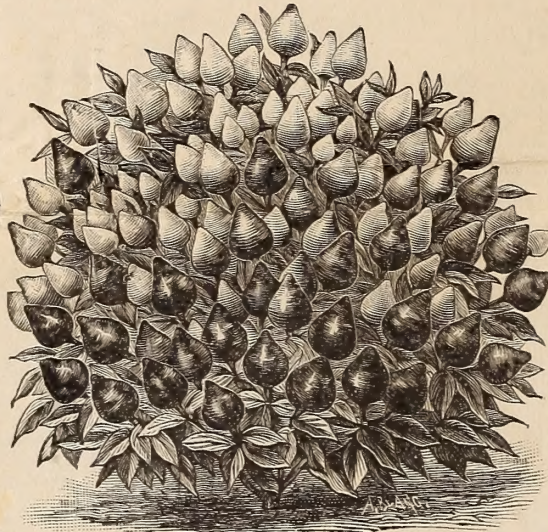
## NEW WATERMELON.—MAMMOTH GRAY MONARCH.



This new variety originated in the South, and is, without doubt, the largest of all, frequently attaining a weight of 90 pounds and over. The outside skin is mottled, gray color; shape long, as shown in our illustration. Flesh bright crimson, and of sweet, delicious flavor. It is also a fine shipper, carrying well long distances. What few were marketed last season brought very high prices. It will prove a valuable acquisition. I will send a large size packet of seed of this new melon for 10 cts. or three for 25 cts., by mail, postage paid.

## NEW CELESTIAL PEPPER.

A rare novelty from China. It is not only a most useful pepper, but one of the most beautiful plants in existence. The individual plant, from which the accompanying illustration was made, contained over 300 peppers. The plant begins to set in peppers early in the season, and continues until frost, branching freely and bearing profusely. The peppers, up to the time they are full grown, are of a delicate creamy yellow color, and when fully grown, change to an intense vivid scarlet, making a plant, when loaded with fruit, part of one color and part of another, an object of the most striking beauty and oddity. The peppers are the same as shown in the cut, two to three inches long, of clear, sharp flavor, and superior for any of the uses to which peppers can be put. Per packet, 15 cts.; two for 25 cts.



## TEOSINTE.

All who desire a better forage plant than anything heretofore introduced should give Teosinte a trial. In appearance this gigantic graminia of Central America somewhat resembles Indian Corn, but the leaves are much longer and broader, and the stalk contains sweeter sap. In its perfection it produces a great number of shoots, growing 12 feet high, very thickly covered with leaves, yielding such an abundance of forage that one plant is considered to be sufficient to feed a pair of cattle for 24 hours. In the South it surpasses either Corn or Sorghum as a soiling or fodder-plant, and in the extreme South it is a perennial. Eighty-five stalks have been grown from one seed, attaining a height of 11 feet. Per packet, 10 cents.

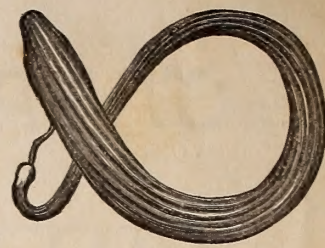


## THE NEWCOM RADISH.

In this new radish we believe we have a most valuable variety, and in describing it, do not think we can do better than to quote the following from a letter written us by Mr. Theo. F. Baker, ex-President of New Jersey Horticultural Society, a reliable authority on gardening, and from whom we have obtained our seed. He writes:

I have known the Newcom Radish for twenty-five years. It was held by one man for a number of years, until I purchased radishes in the market and set them out again and secured seed in that way, as he refused to sell seed. They are the earliest and largest white radish in cultivation to-day. I have grown all varieties ever introduced that came under my notice, and in the comparison the Newcom came out ahead. I have grown Strasburg and Stuttgart along side, but they don't compare. The past season I planted, same day (March 21st), Long Salmon, Newcom and Chartier. Resulted in radishes fit for market May 10th, Long Salmon and the Newcom both on the same day, the Long Salmon bringing three cents per bunch and the Newcom five cents, with double the demand for the Newcom. The Salmon were only fit to pull for a few days, and then became pithy, while the Newcom was fit to market until June 4th, or twenty-five days from the first pulling, which is longer than any other I can find. It stands heat and drought best of all, and stands up longest in the market. Small top and slow to run to seed, usually a shy seeder, unless transplanted. Pkt., 10c., 3 for 25c.

## SERPENT or SNAKE CUCUMBER.



SNAKE CUCUMBER.

A remarkable and very interesting curiosity. The cucumbers grow curled up like a snake, with the head protruding, and sometimes are six feet in length. The illustration well represents their shape, and although they attain such great size, the quality is generally fair. Packet, 10 cents.

## RUBY KING PEPPER.



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Our patches of this new pepper have attracted much attention. It is unquestionably the largest and handsomest of the red varieties. They grow to a larger size than the Spanish Monstrous and of different shape. The fruits are five to six inches long by about three and a half inches through, of a bright red color. They are remarkably mild and pleasant in flavor, having no fiery taste whatever. Single plants ripen from eight to ten fruits, making them both productive and profitable. Pkt., 10 cts.

## NEW OXHEART CARROT.



OXHEART CARROT.

This new carrot comes from France (where it is known as Guérande), and is a decided advance in shape, as shown in the illustration. It is intermediate as to length between the half-long varieties (such as Danvers) and the Short Horn Carrot, but much thicker than the latter, attaining at the top from three to four inches in diameter. It is of fine quality and will prove of value both in family and market gardens. It is a good carrot for all sections, and is especially suited for maritime climates, where it has met with great success and proved very productive. We can confidently recommend our friends to try this fine variety. Packet, 10 cts.

## EGG PLANT.



NEW YORK IMPROVED EGG PLANT.

NEW YORK IMPROVED LARGE PURPLE.—The leading market variety; of large size, skin deep purple, smooth, free of thorns; flesh white, of excellent quality; very productive. Our seed is an extra selected strain, of superb quality. Per pkt., 10 cts.





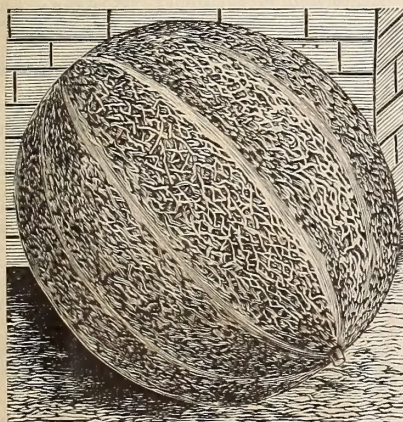
NEW BRAZILIAN FLOUR CORN

A rare variety of Indian Corn, with a white, floury grain, yielding when ground a flour equal in every way to the best wheat flour, and making the best bread, cakes, etc. It grows rapidly, ripens medium early, with ears seven to nine inches long, a small cob and deep grain. This corn stools from the ground like wheat, six to ten stalks from a grain, bearing as many ears to the stalk, making it wonderfully productive, yielding at the rate of seventy-five to one hundred bushels to the acre. The product of an acre ground into flour would be at least five times that of wheat. It should be cultivated same as other field corn. For boiling or roasting it is equal to the best varieties of sugar corn, being very rich, sweet and juicy in a green state. It has given universal satisfaction wherever grown. By mail, postpaid, pkt., 10 cts.; pint, 35 cts.



One of the most beautiful vegetables ever grown in this or any other country. It grows on a vine like a cucumber, and is very productive, as many as 30 or 40 perfect fruits having been grown on one vine, the product of one seed. They are the exact size, color and shape of an orange, only the skin is smoother, being as smooth as glass, and are the handsomest little vegetables ever brought to public notice. The flesh inside is pure white, and is valuable for many purposes. Pared and sliced and fried in butter they are "delicious," being equal if not superior to parsnips. For mangoes and preserves they are "splendid." It is seldom we have the pleasure of introducing to our customers a novelty combining such valuable qualities with beautiful appearance, and we advise everyone of our customers when ordering seeds to be sure and include a packet of Mango Melon. Price, per packet, 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.

New Champion Market Muskmelon.



CHAMPION MARKET.

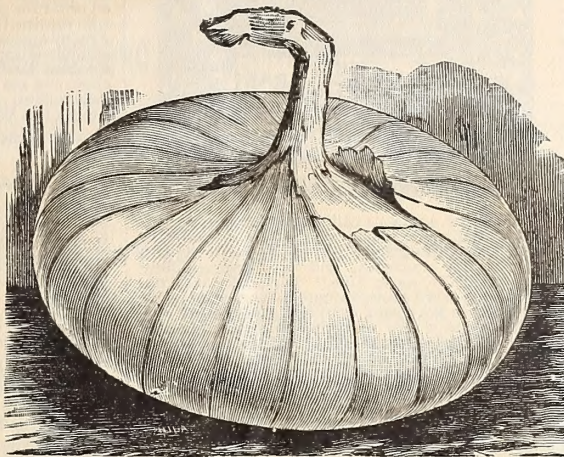
This new muskmelon is quite distinct from all other varieties, and possesses such strong points of superiority that it is destined speedily to become very popular. As shown in the illustration, the melons are almost a perfect globe in shape and densely netted. They are very uniform in size, averaging about six pounds each. The flesh is thick, light green in color, and of rich, sweet flavor. Six melons of Champion Market will fill a market basket. They are so handsome and salable, they well warrant the name of *Champion Market*. The vines are very vigorous, remarkably healthy, and very productive. The melons mature early and all ripen up finely. It is an excellent shipper, and a most popular variety for market. Pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts., 25 cts.

In placing this valuable new tomato for the first time before my "Hundred Thousand Customers," I do so with the full assurance that it will prove one of the very best varieties ever introduced. In this new variety, we have a tomato entirely distinct in habit of growth and foliage from any other previously introduced. As its name indicates, it is dwarf and compact in habit. The plants grow stiff and upright with very thick and short jointed stems. It can be planted as close as three feet and still allow sufficient space to gather the fruit without inconvenience. The color of the foliage is dark green, thick and corrugated, and differing in form from that of other varieties. Com-

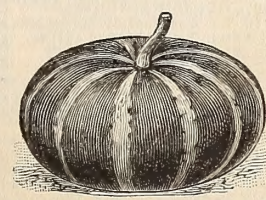


MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.

We have imported seed of this truly mammoth variety direct from the originator in Italy. It was first introduced in America last spring, and is of attractive shape, as shown in our illustration, with silvery white skin and flesh of a most agreeable mild flavor. It matures a little later than the *Extra Early Pearl*, and reaches a larger size than any of the flat white varieties, frequently measuring twenty inches in circumference, and weighing 3 to 4 pounds. Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 35c.; 1 lb., \$1.25, postpaid.



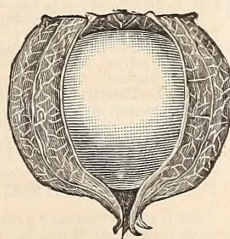
NEW RED CHINA SQUASH.



We are indebted to "The Flowery Kingdom" for this handsome and prolific variety. Each vine produces from nine to thirteen perfect fruits. The squashes often grow in pairs, and are remarkably uniform in size and shape. They weigh from 3 to 5 pounds, and are 6 to 8 inches in diameter, by 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches from stem to blossom end. They are very solid, with small seed cavity; the meat being from 1 to 1 1/2 inches thick. The skin is of a vivid red color, faintly striped longitudinally with a pale yellow. The flesh is of a rich orange-yellow color, firm, fine-grained, sweet, and excellent in quality, both for table use and for pies. It is a good grower, matures early, and keeps in fine condition until late in the spring. Per pkt., 10 cts.

GOLDEN HUSK or STRAWBERRY TOMATO.

This remarkable Husk Tomato is unequalled for canning, preserving, pies, etc. They are very handsome, bright golden color, enormously productive, and will keep if left in the husk till mid-winter. They should be in every garden and are indispensable where fruit is scarce, or likely to fail. The seed is slow to germinate, but then grows very rapidly. Packet, 10 cts.



New Short-Stem Drumhead Cabbage

The Finest Strain of Late Drumhead in Cultivation.

The New Short-Stem Drumhead combines, to a wonderful degree, all desirable requisites. It has a very short stem and grows very compactly—the leaves all turning in to form the head, with very few loose leaves—thus allowing the plants to be set close together. The heads are EXTRA HARD, SOLID, round, flattened on the top; they grow very uniform in size and shape, and present the handsome appearance so well depicted in the above illustration. The heads frequently attain twenty or thirty pounds in weight, and are always of the finest quality. For reliability of heading, this variety is, from long-continued selection, also remarkable. From each 100 plants set out, at least 98 large solid heads may confidently be expected. Pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 35 cts.; 1/4 lb., \$1.00.

QUEEN'S GOLDEN POP CORN.



This handsome new pop-corn was sent to us by a gardener in Indiana, who writes:—"It is so far ahead of all others I have seen or tried, as to be beyond comparison in every respect, in yield, in sturdy growth, in size, and in color when popped—being of a delicate golden yellow. Above all is its exceeding tenderness when popped, together with its delicious and delicate taste."

After having grown and sold this variety extensively for two years, we can endorse all that Mr. Queen has said in its praise. The stalks grow six feet high, and the large ears are produced in abundance. Its quality and handsome appearance when popped are very noticeable. It pops perfectly white, and a single kernel will expand to a diameter of nearly one inch. Packet, 10 cts.

BRAZIL SUGAR SQUASH.



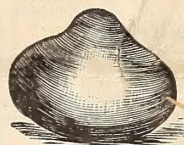
This distinct, new variety for summer and autumn use is the richest flavored and sweetest of all squashes. It is liked for table use in every stage of its growth. During the months of August, September and October, it has no equal. It is enormously productive. A single plant has yielded as many as twelve perfectly ripened squashes. They weigh from two to four pounds each; measuring six to eight inches in length and from four to six inches in thickness. The skin is a beautiful canary-color, and generally handsomely warted. Packet, 10 cts.

LAZY WIFE'S BEAN.



This new pole bean has, for several years, been the favorite with Bucks County farmers, and is, without doubt, one of the best pole beans ever brought to public notice. We presume it derived its name, which seems to us rather discourteous, from its immense productiveness, making it very easy to gather a dish, and from the ease with which they are cooked. The pods are green, entirely stringless, of extra fine flavor, exceedingly rich and buttery when cooked. The pods retain their rich, tender and stringless qualities until nearly ripe. For shell beans they are also unsurpassed; the beans are of fair size, round, and pure white in color. Each one of our growers to whom we distributed a few quarts to plant for us, have written us that they are the most productive and finest flavored pole beans that they have ever grown. As our supply is very limited, we can sell them only in packets and pints. Per packet, 10 cts.; pint, 50 cts., postpaid.

SUGAR TROUGH GOURD.



These gourds are useful for many household purposes, such as bucket, wash basins, nest boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the winter's lard. They grow to hold from four to ten gallons each, have thick, hard shells, very light and durable, having been kept in use as long as ten years. Per packet, 10 cts.

DISHCLOTH GOURD.



FRUIT OF THE DISHCLOTH GOURD.

A Natural Dishcloth, and a most admirable one is furnished by the peculiar lining of this fruit which is sponge-like, porous, very tough, elastic and durable. Many ladies prefer this dishcloth to any prepared by art. The fruit grows about two feet in length, and the vine is very ornamental, producing clusters of large yellow blossoms, in pleasing contrast with the silvery shaded, dark green foliage. In the North this variety requires to be started in a hot-bed. Packet, 10 cts.

DIPPER GOURD.

So named for its resemblance in shape to a dipper. The capacity varies from a pint to a quart and a half, with handles six to twelve inches long. They are convenient for dipping hot liquids, as the handles do not heat through rapidly. Packet, 10 cts.

JAPANESE NEST EGG GOURD.



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These exactly resemble in color, shape and size, the eggs of hens, do not crack, and are uninjured by cold or wet; they make the best nest eggs. As the plant is a rapid growing climber, it is very useful for covering screens, etc., being quite ornamental, with the numerous white eggs hanging. Packet, 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.



## ALWAYS READ THIS COLUMN

## Before Sending Your Order.

First of all I wish to thank you for your kind orders which you have sent me during the past few years and assure you that were it not for your patronage I would not be obliged to have printed One Hundred Thousand Circulars for the season of 1889, and I wish to have it distinctly understood by my numerous customers that I owe my prosperity in business (not to those who I would naturally expect to be of assistance to me) but entirely to my customers, and that I appreciate their kindness and hope that I have dealt with them all in such a manner as to deserve a continuance of their favors. One thing I am sure of and that is that I have tried to give my customers their money's worth in every instance, and although a customer may be thousands of miles from me, when I am filling their order I try and use them just as well as if they were by my side, for I have always believed that Fair, Honest Dealing was the only basis for permanent prosperity. During the twelve years which I have spent in building up my business, I have been surrounded with discouragements of almost every description, and have found that people who have neither the ability or energy to conduct a successful business of any kind, not even a desire to make any advancement in the world, are very apt to be jealous of anyone who has, and seem to have but one aim in life, and that is, to see to what extent they can prevent others from doing that which they themselves cannot do.

## WHAT I PROPOSE TO DO.

1st. To furnish my customers the very best seeds at a reasonable price. 2. To furnish large size, well-filled packets. 3d. To send by mail, post-paid, and guarantee them to arrive in good condition. 4th. To fill all orders promptly, and give everyone their money's worth in every instance.

## HOW TO MAKE OUT YOUR ORDER

When ordering seeds, be sure and give the name of the seeds wanted plainly, place the price opposite the same on same line, and when you get all the articles written down, add up the figures and be sure and enclose the exact amount. Write your letter plainly, and especially your name and address. Always give your Post-Office, County and State in each and every letter. Every season I receive letters from persons who fail to give their Post-Office address, or do not write it plainly so that it can be read. Others fail to sign their name. All this is a great annoyance to me, as I cannot fill orders unless I know where to send the seeds. If all my customers would make out their orders like the following, I would then understand at a glance just what they wanted, and could fill their orders promptly:

FEBRUARY 15th, 1885.

FRANK FINCH, Clyde, N. Y.:

Dear Sir:—Please send me the following list of seeds:

One pint Golden Wax Beans.....	.35
" " Early Pearl Onion.....	.35
" " Surehead Cabbage.....	.35
" " Pkt. Oxheart Carrot.....	.10
" " Finch's Perfection Lettuce.....	.10
" " Golden Queen Pepper.....	.15
" " Golden Self-Blanching Celery.....	.10
" " Hubbard Squash.....	.5
" " White Spine Cucumber.....	.5

\$1.60

Enclosed find \$1.60 in payment.

Respectfully yours,  
Fairfield, Greene Co., Ohio. JOHN JONES,

## HOW TO REMIT.

Small sums of One Dollar or less, if enclosed in a well sealed envelope, will nearly always come through safely. I receive hundreds of letters in this way every year, and I do not think there is one chance in five hundred of money being lost if caution is used in sealing the envelope.

## CLYDE A MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

I very much desire to have my customers remit by Post-Office Money Order or Postal Note, instead of sending me so many postage stamps—that is, when they can procure them—or by express money order; or get paper currency and send and have the postmaster register your letter. If you enclose silver in letters be careful to have it well wrapped or it will cut a hole through the envelope and be lost.

## POSTAGE STAMPS TAKEN.

Small amounts will be accepted in clean postage stamps where it is not convenient for you to obtain anything better. Do not cut them apart, but send all one sheet when you can as well as not. Remember, I will accept stamps at all times, but prefer money orders or postal notes when convenient for you to obtain them. At all events send me your orders and do the best you can.

Special.—I can fill orders promptly for anything which I advertise, and prefer to have my customers send me for only what I advertise; if you send for anything else it bothers me and delays filling the order. Write your letters very plain, sign your Name, Post-Office, County and State, enclose the exact amount—nothing more or less—and write your letters in as few words as possible.

## THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

Is without exception the neatest, best printed, best edited and best conducted journal ever published for ladies. Started five years ago, it has attained a circulation of over 500,000 to actual subscribers. It is published monthly, of a nice quality of paper, and splendidly illustrated, at only 50 cents per year, (will soon be advanced to \$1.00 per year). I am anxious to raise a large club for this paper, and will give 15 cents worth of seeds—your own choice from my catalogue—free and post-paid to any person sending me the regular price (before June 1st, 1889), provided they will enclose the exact amount, 50 cents, in a letter entirely separate from any other orders, and direct the envelope as follows: "F. Finch, Agent Ladies' Home Journal, Clyde, N. Y." Be sure and remember not to send the order for this paper along with other orders. Enclose 50 cents—no more or less—in the envelope. My reason for this is that I want to keep this entirely separate from my other orders.

Flower Seeds.—Please remember I offer collections of Flower Seeds as premiums on orders for Vegetable Seeds, but cannot furnish separate packets at any price. If Flower Seeds are wanted they must be taken as a premium in the regular way, as offered.

Pot, Sweet and Medicinal Herb Seeds. No garden is complete without a few sweet, aromatic or medicinal herbs for culinary or medicinal purposes. Sow in spring in shallow drills one foot apart, and when well up thin out or transplant to a proper distance apart.

Those marked with \* are perennial, and when once obtained in the garden may be preserved for years.

Anise,	Hoarhound,
Balm, *	Hyssop,
Basil, Sweet,	Lavender, *
Caraway,	Rosemary, *
Catnip,	Saffron,
Coriander,	Sage, *
Dill,	Savory, Summer,
Fennel, Sweet,	Wormwood,

Price 5 cts. per packet for any of the above.



Permit me again to call your attention to this beautiful climber, which also possesses the rare quality of emitting from its flowers the delightful odor of the cinnamon, and very appropriately called the "Cinnamon Vine." Perfectly hardy the stem dying down every autumn, but growing again so rapidly in the spring as to completely cover any trellis or arbor very early in the season. It is as easily cultivated as the Madeira Vine, and is produced from tubers which will make from ten to twelve feet of vine, and with its beautiful, heart-shaped leaves, bright green peculiar foliage, and delicious cinnamon odor, render it by far one of the most desirable climbers in cultivation. A tuber planted near a door or window, and the vine trained over and about it makes an ornament worthy the admiration of all.

The tubers are perfectly hardy, though in severe winters, if unprotected, a few inches of the root may be frozen, while the remainder below the frost line remains sound, and will always send up a new vine in the spring.

J. P. RUNG, Tyrone, Pa., says:

The vine has grown about eighteen feet, and was very full of bloom, with a delicious odor, scenting the air for a long distance. The foliage is very much admired, and is withal a desideratum in the way of vines.

JAS. E. BADGER, Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., says:

The Cinnamon Vine is a success. From one stem a dozen branches have started, ranging from twelve to twenty feet each, and blooming profusely; very fragrant. We are more than satisfied.

## PRICES OF THE CINNAMON VINE.

I will send two tubers nicely packed in moss in a strong pasteboard box, by mail, post-paid, for only 50 cents—or five tubers for \$1.00, one dozen for \$2.00. I have a few extra large size tubers which will produce a very strong, vigorous growth the first year. I will send two of this extra large size for 75 cents, or one dozen for \$3.00.

Agents Wanted.—I want one good agent in every town to sell this beautiful vine. Any active person can make from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per day selling these vines, as every lady in the country who has a taste for the beautiful will be not only willing, but glad of the chance to obtain such a beautiful climber, and especially when it is offered at such a reasonable price. I have several thousand names of ladies among my list of customers, and I presume that of my 100,000 catalogues which I mail for 1889, at least 65,000 go to ladies, living in all parts of the United States and Canada, and I wish to say right here that I consider them the very best of customers. They usually write a very plain, well-composed letter, and seem to know what they want are certain to enclose the exact amount, and give their post-office, county and state plainly, and if they receive an extra packet of choice flower seed they know how to appreciate the same.

## My New Colored Lithographs.

I have had produced some very fine Colored Lithographs of the Cinnamon Vine, expressly for agents to use in obtaining orders. They are printed on very heavy paper, 8x11 inches. For four cents in stamps, will mail a copy to anyone desiring the agency. Any lady or gentleman can, by showing this Lithograph, sell from twenty to forty vines every day they devote to the business, making a profit of from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per day. No one should complain of "Hard Times," when such a rare opportunity for making money is offered them.

Terms to Agents or Clubs.—I will send by express, well packed in moss, 40 tubers for \$5.00, or 100 tubers for \$10.00.

Be sure and remember that I cannot send out the tubers until the weather is favorable, which is usually about the last of March or first of April, but will receive orders at any time. So please do not write every few days asking why they do not reach you. I fill every order I receive, but do not like to send vines or potatoes when I think there would be danger of their being injured by cold weather. Remember, I am trying to do everything for your interest, and am confident it will be for my interest to please and keep as many of my friends as I can.

## TOMATO EGG-PLANT.



This curious plant was first discovered two years ago by Mr. Wm. C. Loder, a New Jersey trucker, growing in a field of egg-plants. The vine has every appearance of the egg-plant, but fruits a bright red solid tomato as shown in our engraving. It is unquestionably the greatest curiosity in the vegetable kingdom that has ever come to our notice. Pkt. 20c.; 3 pkts. 50c.

## MY GREAT PREMIUM OFFERS FOR 1889.

I have a large list of customers which I have secured by giving them Extra Good Bargains, and I am anxious to keep as many of them as possible, and in order to do so I am determined to give them still better bargains than ever, and will give them more for their money than can be procured from any other Seedsmen in the United States. My first premium is called

Frank Finch's Flower Seed Collection, comprising the following varieties: Portulaca, Phlox Drummondii, Carnation Poppy, Double Zinnia, Petunia, Balsam, Gilia, Amaranthus, Sweet William, French Marigold, Sweet Peas, Acrolinium, Japan Coxcomb, Fragrant Candytuft, Perilla, and Ice Plant. The first 12 varieties are "all colors mixed," and the seeds are many of them sold at 10 cents per packet—the regular retail price being \$1.10 for the 16 varieties. Any person sending me an order for garden seeds to amount of One Dollar will receive this choice collection of Flower Seeds Free by enclosing 10 cts. extra to help pay postage and doing up; in this way I give \$2.10 worth of the Choice Seeds for only \$1.10. The seeds are first-class, and are p. up in fine style, and will give good satisfaction. My next Premium is a collection of Nine Select Varieties of Flower Seeds, and is called

Frank Finch's Gem Collection of Beautiful Flowers,



Comprising the following varieties: Aster, Double Mixed Varieties; Balsam Camelia, Flowered; Candytuft, new Carmine; Dianthus, Diadem Pink (Double Dahlia, fine mixed) Godeitia, Lady Albermarle; Double Rose Portulaca; Stock, Dwarf German; Verbena, choice mixed colors. The retail price of this collection is \$1.00. This beautiful and choice Collection will be given Free to any person who sends me an order for One Dollar's worth of Garden Seeds by enclosing 15 cts. extra. My next premium is called

## Frank Finch's Premium Pansies.



This collection comprises Seven Varieties of Pansies, in seven separate packets: Snowy White, King of the Blacks, Dark Purple, Emperor William, Pure Yellow, Striped or Rainbow, and Quadricolor—the retail price of this collection is 80 cts.—given as a premium to any person sending me an order for \$1.00 worth of seeds, by enclosing 10 cts. extra.

I also have secured a valuable and interesting book called "Brush Studies," which will be sure to please my lady customers. It is one of Lida Clarkson's productions. This information alone is a certain guarantee that the book is a good one. I will name the contents

## BRUSH STUDIES.

Contents.—The Amateur's Outfit—Harmony and Combination of Color: A Panel of Field Daisies—Some General Hints: Fabric Painting—Practice on Academy Board and Sketching Canvas: A Study of Wild Roses—A Study of Pansies—How to Paint Photographs in Oil or Water Colors—Hat Marks and Linings: Appropriate Designs, Initials, etc.—Plaques: How to Paint and Frame Them—How to Paint Trailing Arbutus, Feathery Clematis, Dogwood and Tulips—Panel and Screen Decorations: The Purple Clematis, Fleur de Lis, Water Lily, etc.—Dye Painting: Lustra, Iridescent and Kensington—Lambrequins and Other Artistic Home Furnishings: Clock Scarf, Banners and Banerettes—Christmas, New Years, Easter and Birthday Cards: How to Paint Them—Suggestions for Holiday and Birthday Gifts: Pretty Trifles for Home Decoration.—Painting Backgrounds.—Modeling in Relief.—Puzzling Queries Answered.—Some Useful Hints in Conclusion. It is beautifully illustrated from original designs by the author. I will send this book as a premium, to any person who sends me an order for seeds to amount of \$1.00 by their enclosing 10 cts. extra.

Particular Notice.—I wish all my customers to remember first, that in order to get any one of the above-named premiums, they must send an order for Seeds to amount of \$1.00 or over; second, that in order to receive the Premium, they must enclose the amount named extra, and at the time they send the order, not afterwards; third, if only one premium will be sent on a \$1.00 order. If you send an order for \$2.00 worth of Seeds, you are entitled to select any two premiums by enclosing the necessary amount extra. Last season I received several letters from persons who claimed the premium because they sent a Dollar's worth of Seeds, but they did not enclose the amount named. Now, I want it understood by all of my customers that, if they expect to receive the Premium Seeds, they must comply with my terms, or they will get left.

## RELIABLE SEEDS for the Vegetable Garden.

Comprising some of the choicest Standard Varieties, such as have been thoroughly tested and given good satisfaction. Remember I do not send out seeds to be sold on commission, and have none returned to be sold next year, but have New Fresh Seeds from my customers every year.

## ASPARAGUS.

Conover's Colossal. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

## BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

## BEET.

Long Blood Winter.—An old and well tried sort. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

Egyptian Blood Turnip.—Highly prized by market gardeners everywhere; skin dark red; flesh fine, compact. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

Champion Yellow Globe Mangel.—Will produce large crops, is a splendid keeper and is preferred by many for feeding stock. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.

## GOLDEN WAX BEANS.

One of the most valuable acquisitions made in late years to our list of Bush Beans. The pods are large, long and brittle, and entirely stringless. As a Snap Bean it excels all others in richness and tenderness of flavor, and has the further merit of being one of the best Shell Beans grown for winter use. Pkt. 10 cts.; pint, 35 cts.

## CAULIFLOWER.

New Imperial.—A new French variety, large very early, and in every way superior. Pkt. 20 cts.

## CARROT.

Improved Long Orange.—The best late, deep orange-colored variety. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

Early Scarlet Horn.—One of the most popular varieties grown; color deep orange. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c

## CABBAGE.

Early Winingstadt.—A well-known and very popular early variety, heads solid and hard, even in summer. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

Fottler's Improved Early Brunswick.—A splendid second-early late sort; short-stem, large, solid heads; sure to head. Pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.

Early Cannon Ball.—Forms round, solid heads, very hard and heavy, about ten days later than the Early York. Per pkt. 5 cts.

Marblehead Mammoth Drumhead.—The largest variety grown. Sometimes weighing fifty pounds and over. Pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.

## CELERY.

Sandringham Dwarf White.—White, solid, crisp, and of fine flavor. Pkt. 5c.

Incomparable Dwarf Crimson.—The best red variety, large, solid, crisp. Pkt. 5 cts.

New Fern Leaved.—A splendid, unusually large and solid new variety. The leaves resemble those of the fern-leaved parsley, rendering it the most ornamental variety in cultivation. Pkt. 5 cts.

## SWEET CORN.

Amber Cream.—This handsome, medium early sort is fast becoming noted. It is a strong, vigorous grower, stalks six to seven feet high; the ears are large, white, handsome and very sweet. Pkt. 10c.

Marblehead Early.—This variety tested with the Early Minnesota, Narragansett, and other early sorts, proved a week earlier than any of them. It is of fair market size, and very sweet. Pkt. 10c.

Variiegated Pop Corn.—Ears beautifully variegated, red, white and blue, colors blended; early, productive, finest quality. Pkt. 15 cts.; 2 for 25 cts

## CUCUMBERS.

Early Cluster.—Quite early and very productive, medium in size, and of a pale green color, and brownish yellow when ripe. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10 cts.

Improved White Spine.—A favorite market variety, large size; excellent for cucumbers or pickles. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10c.

## KOHL-RABI.

Early White Vienna.—Flesh tender, the best for table use and market. Pkt. 10c.; oz. 30c.

## MUSK MELON.

Bay View.—An early, vigorous growing and productive variety; large size, weighing twelve to fifteen pounds, delicious flavor. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.

## WATERMELONS.

Cuban Queen.—A new melon of mammoth size, reaching over 60 pounds in weight. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

Kolb's Gem.—Are very productive, ripen early and in every way a first-class melon. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

Citron for Preserves.—Pkt. 5 cts.

## ONIONS.

Improved Yellow Danvers.—Of all the varieties for general cultivation and market purposes, the Yellow Globe Danvers is the most popular as well as most valuable. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

Large Red Wethersfield.—Of large size and fine form; skin deep purplish red. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

White Globe.—A large, firm, globe-shaped variety, with white skin, fine flesh; handsome in shape and a good keeper. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 35 cts.

## PEPPER.

Golden Dawn Mango.—Is of a most beautiful golden yellow color, making a very handsome appearance, both in growth and on the table. It is very sweet; even the seeds may be handled or eaten without detecting the slightest fiery flavor. Pkt. 10 cts.

## PARSNIP.

Long Smooth.—Tender, sugary, and the best for general cultivation. Packet 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

## RADISH.

Early Long Scarlet Short Top.—This is the well-known standard market variety, and is one of the very best. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

Large White Globe Radish.—Of beautiful form, pure white skin and flesh, which is very crisp and brittle. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

## SQUASH.

Hubbard.—A general favorite, and one of the best table varieties; of large size. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 15 cts.

Perfect Gem.—This popular squash is a strong grower and a large yielder. The flesh cooked is dry, sweet and rich in flavor, a splendid keeper. Pkt. 5c.

## TOMATO.

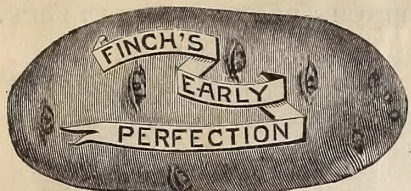
Livingston's Perfection.—An early variety of great merit. "Of a blood-red color; perfectly smooth; ripens uniformly, and bears abundantly until frost comes, free from seeds; for canning purposes it surpasses any hitherto offered." Pkt. 5c.

## TURNIP.

Red Top Strap-Leaved.—An early variety and one of the most popular. Pkt. 5 cts., oz. 10 cts.

Carter's Imperial, or Ruta Baga.—One of the best for feeding stock. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.





### The Value of an Extra Early Potato.

Market gardeners and others who grow early potatoes to carry to market well know the value of an extra early potato. The Early Perfection can be grown and placed on the market several days before other early varieties are ripe, and will command from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel, when perhaps in three or four days the price will go down to 75 cents when other kinds begin to come in. Morris Bailey, of Westchester, N. Y., in his report says that on his ground the "Early Perfection" was ripe and fit to dig, seven days earlier than the "Chicago Market" or "Queen of the Roses," and fourteen days earlier than the "Early Rose." Another very important quality which the "Early Perfection" possesses is that it ripens its crop all at one time, thereby giving the grower an opportunity of putting the whole crop on the market at once, and realizing the highest prices.

### \$10 Worth of Choice Seeds Given Away.

I will give \$10 worth of choice seeds, (your own choice from my catalogue), to the person who will grow the largest quantity from the one-dollar box of seed, the report to be sent to me not later than Nov. 1st, 1889.

Last season I made the same offer. J. P. Okins, Vicksburg, Minn., grew 292 lbs. This was the largest number reported by any one, and Mr. Okins was therefore entitled to the \$10 worth of seeds. Under date of Sept. 25th, Mr. Okins writes:

292 Mr. F. FINCH, Dear Sir:—I received the box of Early Perfection Potatoes ordered from you last Spring, and planted them. Dug them on the 10th of September, and had 292 lbs. of as nice potatoes as I ever saw.

Respectfully, J. P. OKINS.

265 PORTAGE, WIS., October 26, 1888. FRANK FINCH, Clyde, N. Y., Dear Sir:—From the \$1 box of Early Perfection Potatoes you sent me last May, I dug (265) two hundred and sixty-five pounds. I planted them the 17th of May and dug them the 18th of Sept., and a nicer lot of potatoes you never saw.

Yours respectfully, JAS. H. HOLMES.

217 WARREN, OHIO, Oct. 18, 1888. FRANK FINCH, Dear Sir:—I received the box of potatoes and planted them the 14th day of May. It was late and I did not have the ground to give them the room they needed. Dug one-quarter of them before they were fully matured; finished digging the third week in August and had 217 lbs. Several of them weighed over 2 lbs. each. We consider them an excellent variety.

Yours respectfully, A. P. CROOKS.

194 MANNSVILLE, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1888. Mr. FRANK FINCH, Clyde, N. Y., Dear Sir: The dollar box of your Early Perfection Potatoes were received and planted May 7th, and dug Aug. 30th. They yielded 194 lbs. and are very fine. When they were budded cut worms cut off the tops of 10 or 12 hills and these did not yield much.

Yours truly, D. H. FRINK.

180 HEBRON, IND., Oct. 23, 1888. Mr. FRANK FINCH, Dear Sir:—I planted the dollar's worth of Potatoes as soon as received, and have got 180 lbs. for seed next year beside two hills we used and one I gave to a friend. I am much pleased with all the seeds I got from you.

Yours truly, MARTHA DONAHUE.

136 PLANKINGTON, DAK., Oct. 17, 1888. FRANK FINCH, Clyde, N. Y., Dear Sir:—From the dollar box of Perfection Potatoes you sent me I dug 136 lbs. of splendid potatoes, of good quality. I think they are far ahead of any I ever grew. This has been a very poor year for potatoes in this part of Dakota, yet the Early Perfection has done splendid for me. I only cultivated and hoed them once.

Yours respectfully, R. B. BROWER.

121 NEWTON, IOWA, Sept. 23d, 1888. Mr. FRANK FINCH, Dear Sir:—In relation to the Early Perfection Potatoes we received from you on the 25th of May, and which were planted the same day, we hoed once and dug the 17th of Sept., and weighed 121 lbs. One tuber was 10 3/4 inches in length, and 9 1/4 inches around. Quite a number of the tubers would weigh one pound each, and nearly all were of marketable size. I think if they had been planted as soon as the early Rose, they would have been at least 10 days earlier. We are very much pleased with them.

Yours truly, MRS. C. E. DINGMAN.

From the above letters it will be seen how easy it is to grow from 2 to 5 bushels of fine potatoes from the box of seed which I offer to send by mail, post-paid, for one dollar.



### The Value of a Good Keeper.

While it is necessary that a potato, to be first-class should possess the qualities of earliness, productiveness and good eating, it is equally important that it should be a good keeper, and free from rot. After five seasons of thorough trial, the "Early Perfection" has been found free from rot, and in all the reports sent me from all parts of the country and on different soils and under varied circumstances, the universal verdict is "Finch's Early perfection does not rot." Good judges who have considered the "Beauty of Hebron" the best variety, after a trial acknowledge the "Early Perfection" to be its superior, and must take the lead among all the varieties now in use.

# Finch's Early Perfection Potato.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE.

Combining more desirable qualities than any other variety heretofore introduced. Enormously productive, of large size, good shape, handsome appearance, good keepers, and quality of the very highest order; whether baked or boiled, its cooking qualities are faultless; its purity of color, fine floury texture and delicious flavor, being unexcelled by any other variety.

### ITS REMARKABLE RECORD FOR EXTREME EARLINESS:

This variety has been grown side by side with the Early Maine, Pearl of Savoy, El Paso, Vanguard, Vick's Prize, Lee's Favorite, Early Mayflower, and Early Beauty of Hebron, and ripened ahead of all of them, and also produced a larger yield of marketable tubers.

READ THE FOLLOWING LETTER

### FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Frank Finch Esq.:

Dear Sir:—Some time ago you sent me a sample of "Finch's Early Perfection Potatoes." Please send me a bushel of them by Express, for planting, and your bill for the same.

Yours truly,

(Signed,)

GROVER CLEVELAND.

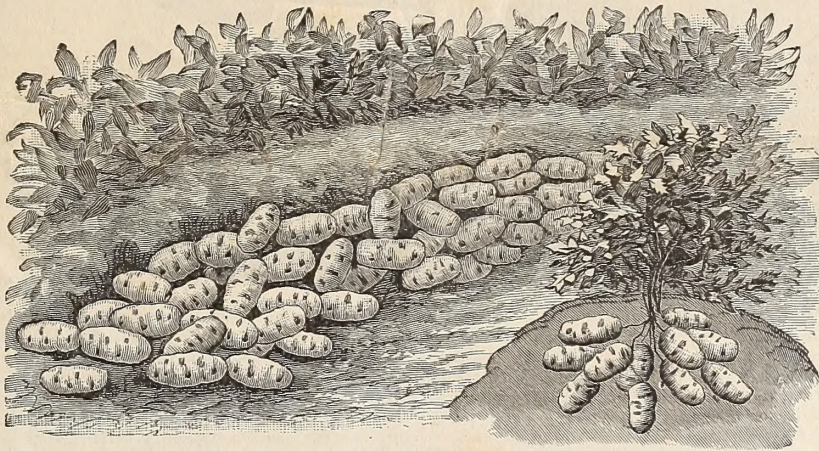
Any person of ordinary intelligence will by reading this letter be convinced of the superior quality of this great potato. As the President of the United States with his unexcelled facilities for obtaining the "very best of everything," would not order a bushel for planting unless it was in his opinion superior to other varieties.

PUBLICATION OFFICE OF "THE SUN," NEW YORK, November 17, 1886.

FRANK FINCH,

Dear Sir:—The box of Potatoes came to hand promptly. Owing to my absence from home, and being very busy on our special editions of the "Weekly Sun," I have not had a chance to test the contents of the box until yesterday. I am boarding, and gave some of the Potatoes to my neighbors at the table. Some were baked, and some boiled; and the general verdict was, that all the points of a good potato were visible, as well as experienced in eating; there was a good flavor and a most desirable mealy appearance. The remarkable evenness of form was observable, and if there is such a thing as a "pretty Potato," yours is the same. I wish you much success in distributing "Finch's Early Perfection" all over the country.

Yours very truly, J. C. BUSH.



### FINCH'S EARLY PERFECTION POTATO.

This new and desirable Potato which I have the pleasure of introducing to my customers for the fifth time, is a cross between Finch's Late Prolific and Vick's Early Gem, and combines in a wonderful degree the hardiness and great productiveness of the former with the earliness and remarkably fine table qualities of the latter. The tubers are round, oblong, smooth; in size medium to large, with very few small ones in the hill, nearly all being of marketable size; it is very early, and one of the handsomest potatoes I ever grew, and will readily sell in any market. Heretofore I have regarded the "Snow Flake" as the most desirable variety for table use, as it is well known that its cooking qualities are faultless, although it is not productive enough to make it a desirable Potato to grow for market. After a thorough trial of the "Early Perfection" I must say that as a variety for table use I have found it equal to the Snow-Flake, or any other Potato I have ever grown, and I have grown many of the most desirable varieties; the mealiness, pure delicate flavor, and the evenness with which it cooks through cannot be excelled by any other Potato. One remarkable quality which this Potato possesses is that it is good at all seasons of the year. I have tested them when first dug early in the Fall, in Mid-winter, and late in the Spring, and at all times have found them dry, mealy and of excellent quality.

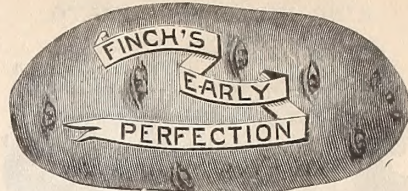
Grown side by side with Wall's Orange, White Rose, White Star, Burbank and other varieties, they did not rot, while the others rotted badly.

As it possesses nearly every essential quality to make a perfect Potato, I have named it the "Early Perfection," and am confident that all who will give it a thorough trial cannot help but be pleased with the result. As many of my customers perhaps do not know how to obtain a large yield of Potatoes from a small quantity of seed, I will say to them that the proper way is to cut the tubers to single eyes or in pieces with one eye in each piece, then plant one eye only in a place, in drills, say fifteen inches apart in the drills and the rows three feet apart. Always give good cultivation, keeping the ground mellow, and free from weeds; in this manner seventy-five hills of the Early Perfection will yield from one to four bushels of large size potatoes, which will give any farmer a good start for next season, and I venture to say that not one in twenty who plant this new potato this season would be willing to sell the products for ten times the original cost. Then I ask you candidly, why is it not a good investment?

### PRICE OF FINCH'S EARLY PERFECTION POTATO.

For only one dollar I will send seed enough to plant seventy-five hills of the Early Perfection Potato to any address in the United States; guarantee them to reach you in good condition, and if planted according to directions, every eye to come up. They will be nicely put up in a strong pasteboard box, securely wrapped and tied, and I will pay the postage myself. In this way my customers who reside in California, Washington Territory, Oregon, Texas, and other distant points, can get a start of this new and valuable variety for only one dollar, when they could not afford to pay the express charges such long distances; and as "Uncle Sam" charges no more to carry a package one thousand miles than he would five miles, we might as well give him the work to do. I am very anxious to have my customers try this new potato, and if I did not know that it was a very superior variety, and most certain to give universal satisfaction to my customers, I assure you I would never recommend it so highly. I have been right here for twelve years, and expect to continue in the seed business as long as I live; and I value my reputation too highly to be induced for any amount to send out an inferior potato.

Prices by the Bushel:—I will send one bushel by freight for three dollars. To many points the freight charges would be very trifling, and I advise my customers who do not live too far away to order a bushel and give them a good trial. Those who live very distant can, by ordering one dollar's worth by mail, grow from one to four bushels, and have a good supply to plant the next year. Remit by money order, postal note or registered letter. Orders will be received at any time, and potatoes will be sent in the spring, as early as the weather will permit. No order received for less than one dollar.



### The Value of a Productive Potato.

While it is generally known that an extra early potato is the most profitable to grow on account of its being placed on the market when the prices are high, it is as well known that extra early varieties, as a rule, do not attain large size; are generally small, and not very productive. The "Early Perfection" is an exception to this rule, and from thorough tests in all parts of the country it has established its reputation as a very productive variety as well as extremely early. These two distinctive features combined in one variety is well worth the consideration of every person who grows potatoes; as it is not only necessary to place potatoes on the market very early in order to secure a good price, but it is very important that you have a large quantity from the ground you cultivate.

PLEASANT VALLEY, DUTCHESS CO., N. Y.

October 23, 1886.

FRANK FINCH:

Dear Sir:—We have waited to test the potatoes which you sent us, and find them as near perfection as anything in the vegetable line can be. They make a dish "fit to set before the king." So white and mealy; just our idea of what a potato ought to be. We do not hesitate to praise them, as they merit it; and you have reason to feel proud of your success in raising anything so fine. Wishing you success in your business enterprises, we remain,

Yours most sincerely,

LIDA AND M. J. CLARKSON.

EDITORIAL ROOM, FARM AND FIRESIDE.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Nov. 29, 1886.

FRANK FINCH:

Dear Sir:—I have tested the potatoes sent by you for that purpose, and find them equal, whether boiled or baked, to the "Beauty of Hebron" from my own garden; that variety being the most satisfactory I have ever grown. Respectfully,

CHAS. E. THORN, Agricultural Editor.

SPRINGFIELD, O., October 6, 1886.

FRANK FINCH:

Dear Sir:—The Early Perfection sent us is certainly a success. They were planted late, and the harvest was twenty pounds from one. Excellent for table use; we think you have something very fine.

Yours very respectfully,

SPRINGFIELD SEED CO.

WESTCHESTER, N. Y., October 12, 1886.

FRANK FINCH:

Dear Sir:—Your postal duly received, and should have been answered before. I also owe you an apology for not returning my thanks for your kindness. On receiving the potatoes May 16, I planted them on the 18th; I planted four varieties: first, the Queen of the Roses, one pound produced twenty pounds. Second, Finch's Early Perfection; one pound produced thirty-five pounds. Third, Chicago Market; one pound produced fourteen pounds. Fourth, Mammoth Pearl; one pound produced twelve pounds. The potato crop in this section is the poorest one I ever knew. I am quite certain most any other season I could have raised one hundred pounds of the "Perfection" from one pound, which I propose to do next season. I think from their character, I can perfect them on the 15th of June. Now in regard to quality and earliness, they are seven days earlier than Chicago Market or Queen of the Roses, and 14 days earlier than the Early Rose, and for quality stand at the head of the list of any variety that I have ever had cultivated, and I consider you a benefactor for so valuable an introduction as "Finch's Early Perfection."

Most respectfully submitted,

MORRIS BAILEY.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 6th, 1886.

The pound of Early Perfection Potatoes came in a very busy season, and were planted in the field in a hard soil, with common kinds, receiving no special attention; cut as usual with old varieties, the yield was half a bushel of good sized attractive potatoes, of good quality.

With thanks,

CHAS. A. GREEN.

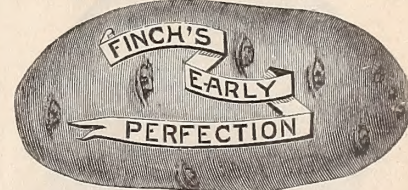
NEW YORK, Dec. 6th, 1886.

FRANK FINCH:

Dear Sir:—The quality of your "Finch's Early Perfection" Potato is really "Perfection." I have never eaten better potatoes than the samples you sent me; they cooked through evenly and quickly, and combined about all the good qualities possible in a potato. Yours truly,

F. M. HEXAMER,

President American Institute Farmer's Club.



### The Value of a Good Eating Potato.

If you were to have a potato, extremely early, very productive, and a good keeper, yet was not of good quality, it would not be a perfect potato; you might place it on the market and realize a profit but you would not care to place it on your table. Not so with the "Early Perfection"; you might place them before a king and he would say that "Perfection" was attained. One remarkable feature of this potato is that it can be cooked early in the Fall when first dug, in midwinter, or late in the Spring, and it is always of superior quality, appearing, when placed on the table, "like a ball of snow." The entire history and description of this potato can be told in three words "A Perfect Potato."



## KING HUMBERT TOMATO.



KING HUMBERT TOMATO.

As shown in the illustration, this new Tomato somewhat resembles a large plum in shape; in size it is 2 to 2½ inches long, by 1½ to 2 inches wide. It matures very early and is very prolific, growing in clusters of six to nine fruits. The fruit (of which we have specimens before us as we write) is of a beautiful rich scarlet color, very smooth and glossy, while it is so very heavy and solid that the Tomatoes will keep in fine condition for over a week. It has very few seeds. In flavor, this variety is quite distinct—the Tomatoes being of a rich, fruity, apple flavor—and the originator in Italy, speaking to us of the good quality stewed, said they make "good apple sauce." Per packet, 10 cents; 3 packets for 25 cents.



NEW PROLIFIC TREE BEAN.

A new and valuable variety for field culture, the most prolific bean known; growing about twenty inches in height, branching out in all directions, bearing its pods so high that they do not touch the ground, enabling it to stand a wet spell without injury. All know, who have raised beans, that when the pod lies in contact with the ground after ripening, a very little rain ruins the crop, turning the pods and beans black. They yield from 150 to 200 pods each vine in good soil. They have yielded on small plots of ground at the rate of 100 bushels to the acre. They resemble the common Navy Bean, more rounded at the ends and very white, cooking in less time than the Navy, and of finer flavor. Plant them two and one-half feet apart, 20 in. apart in the row, one bean in the hill. If you plant more thin out to one when about 2 in. high; do not let them stand thicker than above stated, as they will be crowded and seriously reduce the crop. They will completely cover the ground planted, as stated above. They are much easier cultivated than small growing varieties with five to seven stalks in a hill, and much easier work to harvest them. Try them, and for a field or main crop bean, you will grow no other. Four quarts is sufficient for an acre. The time of maturity is about 90 days. I will send enough to plant 400 hills for 25 cents; enough for ¼ acre for \$1; packet, 10 cents, by mail, postpaid.

## ORANGE CREAM MUSK MELON.



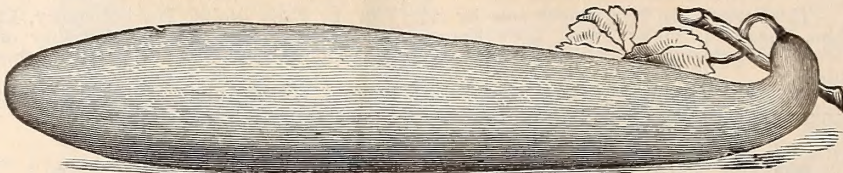
ORANGE CREAM MELON.

This new and distinct variety has proved its adaptability to various soils by careful tests the past three seasons. As shown in the illustration, engraved from a photograph, the melons are globe-shaped and thickly netted. The netting is so dense that scarcely a pin's head can be put between the meshes. The melons weigh from 2 to 3 pounds each, and are remarkably uniform, both in size and shape. The meat is very thick (the seed cavity being smaller than in most melons), of a beautiful deep salmon color, and of exquisite flavor, even down to the skin. The musky aroma of this melon is such that a single specimen will perfume a large room. The beauty, both of skin and flesh, with the striking contrast of color, makes this variety most attractive on the table, while its luscious quality is sure to be appreciated by lovers of fine melons. Pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts., 25 cts.

## LIVINGSTON'S NEW BEAUTY TOMATO.



## NEW BANANA MUSK MELON.



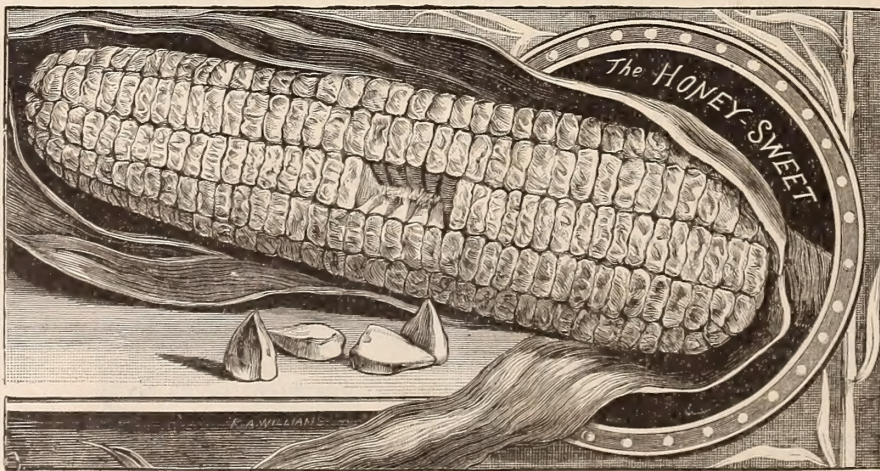
This new variety originated with one of our best growers in South Jersey, and is pronounced by him the most profitable variety he has ever grown. He realized an average of twenty cents each for entire crop the past season, as they were eagerly sought after in Philadelphia markets on account of their oddity and of shape and appearance. They grow from 2 to 2½ feet long, are very productive, with deep yellow flesh, of good quality, by many preferred to any other variety, and a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.

## A NEW MUSKMELON—THE PRINCESS.



We offer this season, for the second time, a new Cantaloupe or muskmelon, of extraordinary value, under the above title of "The Princess," which, after a thorough trial for the past two seasons, has proven the best and richest in flavor of over forty varieties tested on our trial grounds. It is quite distinct from all other varieties, and possesses so many strong points of superiority, that it must speedily become the most popular variety for family and market purposes. The Princess is a chance seedling, discovered some years since by one of our customers, a large melon grower near Boston, who claims to have sold them as high as \$2 each to fancy restaurants in Boston, owing to their extremely handsome appearance, wonderful weight and thick flesh when opened. Our engraving, made from nature, shows their shape, which is nearly round, with heavily netted dark green skin, the flesh is of a rich salmon color, thicker than in any other melon, and in flavor is sweet and luscious beyond description. They ripen early, grow to good size, frequently weighing eight to ten pounds each. The vines grow vigorously and are very productive. We have counted eight perfect melons on a single vine. Our supply of seed of this grand new melon is so limited that we can only offer it in sealed packets, and cannot sell more than five packets to any one purchaser. Pkt. 15 cts.; two pkts. for 25 cts., or five for 50 cts., postpaid.

## A NEW SWEET CORN—THE HONEY.



This new variety is pronounced by every person who has eaten it, the sweetest of any they have ever tasted. It originated with a German market gardener near Allentown, Pa., who had the reputation of bringing the finest and sweetest corn to that market, for which he realized fabulous prices. Hearing of this corn, we secured a small quantity of seed direct from him, from which our present supply was grown. In growth and appearance it is unlike any other variety, the husks and stalks being of a deep red color, during growth, while the corn itself is of a beautiful cream white, much shrivelled when dry, and having the deepest grain and smallest cob of any variety we have ever grown. It is also a most productive variety, bearing three or four good ears to a stalk, growing vigorously and coming in as early as Moore's Concord. In our extended experience we have grown every known variety of sugar corn, but have never found a variety possessing so many desirable qualities as The Honey Sweet. Try it. Large pkt., 10 cts.; pints, 50 cts., postpaid.

## FINCH'S PERFECTION LETTUCE.



The finest variety in the world; does not head, but forms huge, compact, bush-like Plants, which are always very crisp and tender. Especially adapted for private gardens, as only one sowing is required for the whole season. Its superior qualities combined with its long duration of growth, render it one of the very best varieties in cultivation. I will send one packet of this Lettuce for 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.

## NEW "WHITE PLUME."



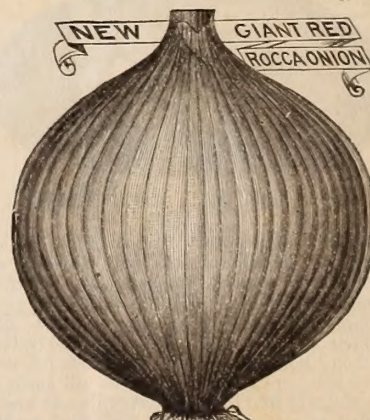
A new kind of celery, that we feel satisfied will so simplify its culture that the most inexperienced can now grow celery, blanched in the proper condition for the table, just as easily as cabbage or lettuce. The peculiarity of this celery is that naturally its stalk and portions of its inner leaves and heart are white, so that by closing the stalks, either by tying them or with matting, or by simply drawing the soil up against the plant and pressing it together with the hands, and again drawing up the soil with the hoe or plow, so as to keep the soil that has been squeezed against the celery in its place, the work of blanching is completed; while it is well-known that all other kinds of celery, in addition to this, the slow and troublesome process of high "banking" with the spade is a necessity. It is exceedingly ornamental to the table, and very crisp and solid, possessing a fine nutty flavor. As our supply is very limited, we can only offer it in packets. Price per packet, 10 cts.

## FRENCH ASPARAGUS BEAN.



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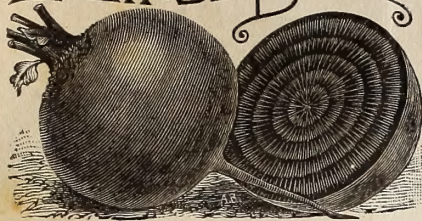
We have imported seed of this variety from France, where it is the most popular pole-bean grown. The pods are so tender and delicious that they are often eaten raw, after being dressed with oil, etc. We also relished them cooked as string beans. The pods are a beautiful green, growing from 3 to 4 feet in length, and are produced in great abundance, as shown in our illustration. Mr. John Damon, a prominent gardener of Darby, Philadelphia, says: "I have grown all varieties of beans, and I consider the Asparagus Bean the most delicious, productive and best I have ever had." Pkt., 15c.; two for 25c.



This new variety is quite distinct from the ordinary brown Rocca. As shown in our illustration it is of fine globe shape, with bright red skin, white flesh, of very mild flavor. It grows to very large size, often producing onions of 2 lbs. weight the first year, and an excellent keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz. 25c.



## ECLIPSE BEET



ECLIPSE

The Eclipse is remarkable, not only for its wonderfully rapid growth, but also for the smallness of top and extra fine quality. It is fully as early as the Egyptian, and of better quality. The roots grow perfectly smooth, of round shape, intense blood-red skin and flesh, fine grained and sweet. Its small top, extreme earliness, and heavy cropping qualities, recommend it to market gardeners. Large pkt., 10 cts.; oz., 20 cts.

## STOKES' EXTRA EARLY MELON.

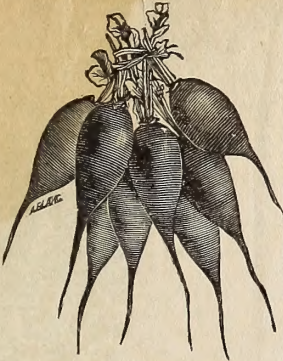


STOKES' EXTRA EARLY MELON.

This new melon is, without doubt, the earliest of all. Our illustration, made from a photograph, shows their shape, which is nearly round, dark green skin, slightly mottled with white. The flesh is deep scarlet, and its delicious sugary flavor is unsurpassed by any other melon. Their average weight is about 15 pounds. We recommend our customers, one and all, to try this grand little melon, as it is certainly a valuable acquisition. Pkt., 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

Wm. Rode, a large melon grower of Swedesboro, N. J., says: "Your Stokes' Early Melon, is the earliest, sweetest and best I have ever grown."

## PARIS BEAUTY—Deep Scarlet Radish



PARIS BEAUTY RADISH market. Large pkt., 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

This handsome variety, which we now offer our customers, originated in France and is now the most popular early radish sold in the markets of Paris. In shape they are intermediate between the popular long scarlet and scarlet olive. They are of rapid growth with rich, deep scarlet skin, white flesh, very tender and crisp. Very showy for the table or

## NESBIT'S VICTORIA TOMATO.



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This is a new English variety which we saw growing at the home of the introducer, in Lincolnshire Eng., and having tested its fine quality on the table can recommend it, both for handsome appearance and very solid, fine flavored meat. The fruit is pyriform, and grows in bunches, each bunch containing from 8 to 20 small, bright red fruits. It contains but very few seed, and the flavor is unsurpassed. It is very early, hardy, and of extraordinary productiveness. While too small for general use, it will prove very attractive for table decorations, or for preserves. Per pkt., 10c.

## NEW TOMATO—EARLY MARKET CHAMPION.



This valuable new tomato, which I now introduce to the public for the third time, originated with a prominent Philadelphia market gardener, who has for many years made the selection and improvement of the tomato a specialty. He has always had extremely fine large tomatoes in market ahead of all competitors, thus realizing handsome prices for his crop. He has also carried away first prize at all the fairs where exhibited. His aim has always been to combine earliness with large size and perfect smooth shape, and that he has succeeded to a most wonderful degree is evinced in the Market Champion. The fruit is of a bright, glossy pink, almost like wax, flesh is very hard and solid, keeping a long time after ripe without getting soft or rotten. Its shape is most perfect, being entirely smooth and uniform in size, ripening all over at one time. It is a vigorous grower, the foliage being quite distinct from any other variety. There is no other tomato cultivated that will ripen so early or produce more bushels of large, handsome fruit to the acre, than the Market Champion. Try it. Price, per packet, 10 cts., 3 packets, 25 cts.

## NEW MAMMOTH ONION—SPANISH KING.



For several years past we have been endeavoring to get seed of the celebrated Spanish fancy onions, which are annually imported into the United States from Spain and sold by confectioners and fruiterers in our large cities at from twenty-five to fifty cents each, and even higher. Last year we succeeded in securing a small quantity of this seed, which we sent out for trial to some of our leading onion growers and market gardeners. The onions grown here quite rival the imported ones, in great beauty and enormous size, weighing in many cases from three to three and one-half pounds each, eclipsing in size and beauty the Silver King, Giant Rocca, Tripoli, and other fine Italian sorts. The handsome specimen of Spanish King, from which our engraving was made, weighing three and three-fourths pounds. The outside skin is of a rich yellow color, while the flesh is white, and so sweet, mild and tender that they can be eaten raw like an apple. The seed we offer we have imported from a reliable grower at high cost. As we were only able to get a limited quantity, and desiring to give it wide distribution, we cannot sell more than one ounce to any one purchaser. We hope, however, that every customer who grows an onion will include at least a packet of the wonderful Spanish King in their order. Packet, 15 cts.; oz., 50 cts.

## NEW EXTRA EARLY EXPRESS CABBAGE.

"Excels in earliness all the sorts we have grown, has the shape and appearance of our well-known Etampes Cabbage, but is smaller, and eight or ten days earlier; has but a few outside leaves, and therefore may be planted very close and yield large crops; for forcing, can hardly be surpassed."

Above is the description of The Express Cabbage as sent out of France last year by



the introducers of The Etampes Cabbage, now so justly popular. Although so highly endorsed, we held to our established rule of "testing all things," and imported the seed only for trial and gratuitous distribution among our customers in various states. The reports received from the sample packets thus distributed have been very favorable, and we are convinced that The Express is at least a week earlier than any other early cabbage. Per packet, 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

## Genuine Sure-Head Cabbage.



GENUINE SURE-HEAD CABBAGE.

This popular cabbage is rightly named Sure-Head, and never fails to make a remarkably fine, solid, large head, with few outer leaves, as shown in our illustration, which we have had engraved from a photograph of one taken from our field. It originated some years since with a practical market gardener by crossing the flat Dutch and Drumhead varieties, and has always brought the highest price in our market. It is a strong, vigorous grower, ripening late for a main crop, and very uniform in size and color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.; 1/4 lb., \$1.00.

## ANGEL OF MIDNIGHT CORN.

This is a promising new Early Yellow Flint variety, originating in Massachusetts. That valuable and reliable authority, the "RURAL NEW YORKER," reports this variety as follows: "It was planted May 13th, and the kernels began to glaze August 5th, showing it to be an extremely early corn and decidedly earlier than any other field corn we have ever grown. Longest ears, fourteen inches, eight rows, over sixty kernels in a row. Kernels large, broad, yellow flint. Plants six feet high only; slender top; ears low, often two large ears to a stalk; stalk small, shanks long, cob small. We are as confident as we can be, from a single trial, that this variety, with a name so absurd, will ripen wherever any kind of field corn will mature. Packet, 10 cts.; pint, 30 cts.; quart, 50 cts., postpaid."

## NEW SELF-HUSKING CORN.

This new field corn is not only one of the very earliest grown, ripening ten days before the Early Yellow Canada, and three weeks earlier than the Longfellow, but also has the most desirable quality of stripping itself, when ripe, of its husk, which all will admit is indeed a most desirable feature. Planted largely last season in many sections of the country, it attracted considerable attention, so much so, that the demand this year promises to be very large; hence, I advise early orders. It is of dwarf growth, yet ears are large and straight; eight rowed, ten inches or more in length, well filled out to the end, while cob is extremely small. It is very productive, frequently producing three ears to the stalk. Packet, 10 cts.; pint, 30 cts.; quart, 50 cts., postpaid.



## Horsford's Market Garden Pea.



HORSFORD'S MARKET GARDEN PEA.

This new wrinkled pea is the result of a cross between the "Alpha" and "American Wonder." It requires no bushing, is extremely prolific and bears its pods in pairs. One hundred and fifty-four pods have been counted on a single plant. Twenty bushels have been grown from thirty-five pounds of seed, quality very superior. On the trial grounds of the Rural New Yorker, in 1883, it did so well that it was selected by that paper for its Seed Distribution. Height, two feet. Our stock of this pea is so small we can only offer it in packets and pints. Price, per packet, 15 cts.; pint, 40 cts., postpaid.



## WHITE "BOX" RADISH.



This variety is much superior and entirely new and distinct from any early white turnip radish heretofore offered by the trade. Its points of superiority are remarkably short top, rapid growth, perfect turnip shape, extra fine quality, and showing no disposition whatever to become pithy with age, but on the contrary, remains solid and juicy long after fully grown. Its short top and rapid growth especially fits it for growing under glass, in frames or "boxes," hence its name, as well as early sowing on squares or borders in the open ground. Owing to its very few short leaves, it can be sown very thickly in the row without causing the leaves to "draw." In fact, it is fit to pull before the leaves are large enough to tie. Fully one-half more radishes can be grown in the same space of the sort than any other, which makes it extremely valuable to those engaged in forcing early vegetables under glass. Large pkt. 10c., 3 for 25 cts.

## New Golden Self-Blanching Celery.



The increased interest taken in the culture of celery makes the introduction of a new variety, possessing really superlative merit, valuable not only to market gardeners but also to the thousands of amateurs. The Golden Self-Blanching was first introduced last year, when we gave it but a small notice, until it should be thoroughly tested. It has fulfilled all that was claimed for it, and will certainly be speedily recognized as a most important acquisition. The beautiful appearance of the plant with its close habit, compact growth and straight, vigorous stalks, is faithfully shown in the illustration. The ribs are perfectly solid, crisp, brittle and of delicious flavor, surpassed by no other variety, while it has the decided merit of being self-blanching to a very remarkable degree. Without banking up or any covering whatever, even the outer ribs become a handsome, flesh, yellowish-white color. The heart is large, solid, and of a beautiful, rich golden-yellow color. No variety can surpass, if, indeed, equal, the Golden Self-Blanching in striking appearance and delicious flavor. It is an excellent keeper, and keeps well throughout the winter. Pkt. 10 cts., or 3 for 25 cts.

## Tennessee Sweet Potato Pumpkin.



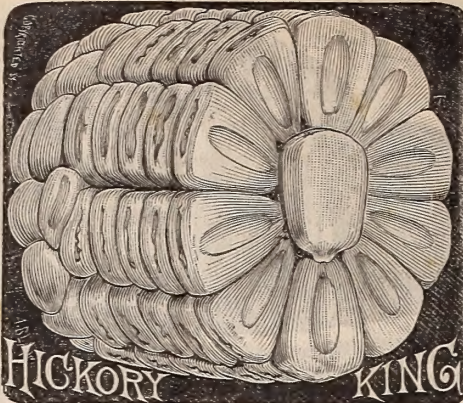
Of medium size pear-shaped, a little ribbed, color creamy-white, lightly striped with green, flesh thick, creamy white, remarkably fine-grained, dry, brittle, and of most excellent flavor. Hardy, very productive, and keeps perfectly sound until late in the spring. It speedily becomes a general favorite wherever it has been introduced. Unsurpassed for making pies and custards. When

cooked it has somewhat the appearance of sweet potatoes, but of more delicious taste. It is very distinct, and a valuable acquisition. Our stock of seed is grown with special care. Do not confound the Tennessee Sweet Potato Pumpkin with any other so-called Sweet Potato Pumpkin, as a common field pumpkin is sold under the same or a similar name. 10 cts.

## HICKORY KING, THE NEW WHITE FIELD CORN.

We don't pretend to say that this corn has no cob at all; but we do say, and are ready to prove, that it has the smallest cob and the largest grain of any field corn in the world.

In introducing *The Hickory King Corn* to the public, we claim that we have something not only new, but the most productive and valuable white corn in cultivation. It is a regular field variety, medium early, ripening with the Farmer's Favorite and other dent sorts, and we can truthfully say it will yield more good solid corn on thin soils will shell more to a given measure of ears, make more ears to the stalk, than any other kind of white field corn in the world. *The Hickory King* grows to a medium height—7 to 8 feet—takes a strong hold in the ground, nearly always having two, and sometimes three, good ears to a



be just as good for milling or feeding purposes as the finest ears. Price, 10 cts. per packet; 30 cts. per pint; 50 cts. per quart; by mail post paid.

## THE MAMMOTH PIE PLANT

Is what its name indicates. A single stalk will make three to five large pies, while the ordinary pie plant requires three or four stalks for one pie. A single stalk that is well grown will weigh, when trimmed, one to two pounds, and the outer circumference of a large leaf is frequently over 10 feet. Three or four roots of the Mammoth will give an abundant supply for any family. They are very hardy, and will do well and grow thrifty in any rich soil. Seeds 15 cents per packet; 2 packets 25 cents.

## KING OF THE MAMMOTHS PUMPKIN.



## \$10 CASH FOR HEAVIEST GROWN IN 1889.

This is without doubt the largest variety of pumpkins ever introduced in this country, indeed no other pumpkin has ever attained such enormous weights and been awarded as many prizes. The heaviest specimen grown in 1885 was 245 lbs., in 1886 218 lbs., in 1887 178 1/4 lbs. These Pumpkins have been grown in France to weigh over 300 lbs., and as many of my customers have as good, rich soil as there is in France or anywhere else on the face of the earth. I see no reason why they cannot be grown here just as large. In order to stimulate our enterprising pumpkin growers to give this variety special culture, I will give \$10 cash to the person who will in 1889 grow the heaviest specimen, provided that it shall beat the record of 1885. All reports must be sent to me by or before September 10th, 1889, with one of these pumpkins. You would also be sure of a prize at your county fair. As it will cost but 15 cts., for a packet of seed, the risk is not great. The flesh and skin of this monstrous pumpkin is of a bright golden color, very fine-grained, of excellent quality, and notwithstanding its enormous size, it is one of the very best pie or table pumpkins ever grown and is a splendid keeper.

PRICES FOR 1889.—Seed saved from extra large specimens, 15 cts. per packet or two packets for 25 cts.

## ACME OR BALTIMORE CANTALOUPE.



This melon is the most popular of all in Baltimore markets, and throughout Maryland, where it is known as "Baltimore Citron." It is also becoming prominent in Philadelphia and New York markets as "Acme Cantaloupe," and in its season is now much sought after by the best hotels and restaurants, owing to its handsome appearance and excellent quality. It is quite early, very large and showy, pointed at the ends, strongly netted, thick, rich green flesh. It is unquestionably the best and most profitable variety for shipping, its carrying qualities being unequalled by any other variety. Packet, 5 cts; ounce, 15 cts.

## New Pepper, Mammoth Golden Queen.

Largest, Handsomest and Most Productive of all.



We feel fully warranted in making the above strong claims for this handsome new pepper; originated on our own grounds, growing to twice the size of Golden Dawn, and averaging a third larger than Ruby King, of the most perfect shape and uniform large size. The above illustration we have had made from a photograph of a single fruit. They grow from fifteen to twenty perfect fruits from eight to ten inches long, and four to five inches through, on a single plant. In color they are bright, waxy, golden yellow, and so mild in flavor they can be eaten like tomatoes, with pepper and vinegar. Several of our best market gardeners who have tried them, pronounce them the greatest novelty of the age, and say they sell in market at double the prices of any other sorts and are exceedingly valuable for stuffing as mangoes. If you want to be astonished, try the Mammoth Golden Queen. Pkt. 15c.; 2 pkts. 25c.

## WHITE PINEAPPLE SQUASH.

This new variety originated in Southern New Jersey, and has attracted much attention, owing to its peculiar shape, which is well depicted in our illustration. What few have been put on the market here have brought very high prices. The skin and flesh are of a pure, creamy, white color, flesh very fine grained



NEW PINEAPPLE SQUASH.

and of excellent quality and flavor, resembling the coconut when made into pies or custards. They can be used at any time during growth, and after maturing make an excellent autumn and winter sort. We have kept them for over a year in good condition. They are remarkably strong growers, each vine producing generally from ten to fifteen perfect fruits. Pkt. 10 cts.

## OAK-LEAVED LETTUCE.

The distinguishing feature of this new variety of lettuce is in its oak-shaped leaves, the broader part set to the stem and pointed to the tip, thus giving it a very unique and attractive appearance. The leaves are of a light green color, slightly crimped or curled. It is free from coarse stems, quite tender, but of slightly bitter taste. It is very slow in running to seed, and will remain in head for a month before its shoots appear. Per pkt. 10 cts.

## LONG GRECIAN CUCUMBER.

(LONG SMOOTH GREEN, FROM ATHENS.)



LONG GRECIAN CUCUMBER.

This splendid new sort grows to a great length—fully equal to the English frame varieties. It grows very straight, smooth and uniform, of perfect shape, and has very few seeds, as shown in the illustration; quality excellent. It is very prolific and does well in the open ground. Amateurs desiring extra fine specimens for exhibition or table use will find this variety unsurpassed. Pkt. 10 cts.